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City continues to support brownfield remediation projects

INDIANAPOLIS – In a continued effort to clean up and redevelop abandoned, contaminated properties, the Department of Metropolitan Development today announced that it will provide \$30,000 in grants to three Indianapolis area organizations as a part of the City of Indianapolis' Brownfield Grant/Loan Fund.

Brownfields are abandoned or underused properties where redevelopment is complicated by either real or perceived contamination. These areas are often former industrial sites such as plants, factories and gas stations.

"Not only do these grants provide local organizations with resources to clean up these properties and put them to good use," said Mayor Bart Peterson. "They remove barriers in redeveloping these sites, which typically spurs additional investment on the property and in the surrounding area."

The following organizations will receive brownfield grants:

United Northeast Community Development Corporation, \$10,000

Funds will be used for the installation of monitoring wells and groundwater sampling at 2248 East 38th St., which will make way for the redevelopment of a former dry cleaning business into a school, day care facility and commercial space.

Martin University, \$10,000

An abandoned gas station at 2186 N. Sherman Dr. will be redeveloped into a parking facility for Martin University.

King Park Area Development Corporation, \$10,000

Grant will assist with completion of assessment and clean up activities at a former gas station at the intersection of 22nd and Delaware Streets. The site will likely be redeveloped into commercial space that will serve the Fall Creek Place neighborhood.

Created in April 2002, the program is funded through federal grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as well as matching grants from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Since April 2002, the program has provided more than \$112,000 to 10 local organizations.

Applications for the next round of awards will be accepted in the spring of 2004. Applications and information will be made available online at indygov.org or by calling Kyle Hendrix, brownfields coordinator at (317) 327-5845.

